

Surrey Heath Borough Council Draft Local Plan 2016 – 2032 Issues and Options/Preferred Options Consultation

Consultation begins from 4th June 2018

Frequently Asked Questions



Q What is the Local Plan?

The Surrey Heath Local Plan will contain new planning policies providing a framework to guide development in the Borough up to 2032. It will say how much new development will take place in the Borough up to 2032 and will guide the location, scale and type of future development. It will also include detailed development management policies for determining planning applications.

Q What is the Issues and Options/Preferred Options draft of the Local Plan and what topics does it cover?

The Issues and Options/Preferred Options draft of the Local Plan is the first stage in the preparation of the Local Plan. It sets out the Council's preferred approach to addressing the development needs of the Borough, covering housing, employment, retail, infrastructure, Green Belt and countryside, heritage and design and local area policies, along with possible alternative approaches.

As the latest version of the plan is in draft form, feedback on the vision, objectives, sites and policies is really important to help shape the final version of the plan.

Q Why is the Council preparing a new Local Plan now?

It is important that the Council has up-to-date and robust planning policies which reflect the latest national policy and guidance. Some of the Council's existing policies are not considered up to date. The Government is clear that Councils should have up-to-date plans or risk Government intervention (where the Government steps in and directs plan preparation). This would not stop development, but, would mean that decisions about it would not be made locally.

Q What are the stages in producing a Local Plan and where are we now?

The Surrey Heath Local Plan is still in the initial stages of the plan preparation process. The 'submission' version of the Surrey Heath Local Plan will be informed by responses to the forthcoming consultation and will be published for consultation in June 2019, before being submitted to the Government for examination by an independent Inspector. If the Local Plan passes the examination, it will be adopted in March 2020 and used to guide development in the Borough. It will become a statutory planning document and replace the

Core Strategy (2012), Camberley Town Centre Area Action Plan (2014) and saved policies of the Surrey Heath Local Plan (2000).

Q When does the consultation begin and end?

The consultation on the Draft Local Plan will begin on Monday 4th June and will end at 5pm on Monday 30th July. Local residents, community groups, businesses and other organisations will be able to make their views known during the consultation period.

Q Where can people find out more about the Surrey Heath Local Plan?

Once the consultation has begun, the Draft Local Plan and the evidence that has informed the development of the Local Plan can be viewed online at www.surreyheath.gov.uk/draftlocalplan

Paper copies of the Draft Local Plan will also will be made available at the Council Offices at Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley as well as at local libraries and Parish Council Offices.

Static displays will be present at the following venues between Monday 11th June 2018 and Monday 25th June 2018:

- The Foyer area next to Camberley Registrar's Office (south entrance), Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3HD
- Lightwater Sports Centre, Lightwater Country Park, GU18 5RG

In addition, two drop in events are being held, where the Council's Planning Officers will be available to answer questions about the Draft Local Plan.

When	Where	Time
Wednesday 13 th June 2018	Lightwater Leisure Centre, Lightwater Country Park, GU18 5RG	4:00pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday 20 th June 2018	The Function Room, Frimley Lodge Park, Sturt Road, Frimley Green, GU16 6HY	4:00pm - 8:00 pm

Q How are we telling people about the Draft Local Plan?

In addition to the consultation events listed above, the consultation will be advertised in the Camberley News and Surrey Advertiser newspapers and on the Council's website and Facebook and Twitter accounts. Posters have been

distributed to community venues throughout the Borough and the consultation has been promoted within the Surrey Heath Show programme.

Q How can I comment?

You can make comments in a number of ways, although you are encouraged to use the online method:

- Online at: <https://consult.surreyheath.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPIO2018/>
- Using the Surrey Heath Draft Local Plan Response Form, also available online at <https://consult.surreyheath.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPIO2018/>

Alternatively, you can complete a paper version of the Draft Surrey Heath Local Plan Response Form. Copies of the paper version are available upon request, at the main reception at Surrey Heath House throughout the consultation period. A limited number of copies have also been distributed to libraries and Parish Council offices in Surrey Heath. Completed forms can be returned to the main reception at Surrey Heath House, attached in an email to Policy.Consult@surreyheath.gov.uk or returned by post to:

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Surrey Heath House
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